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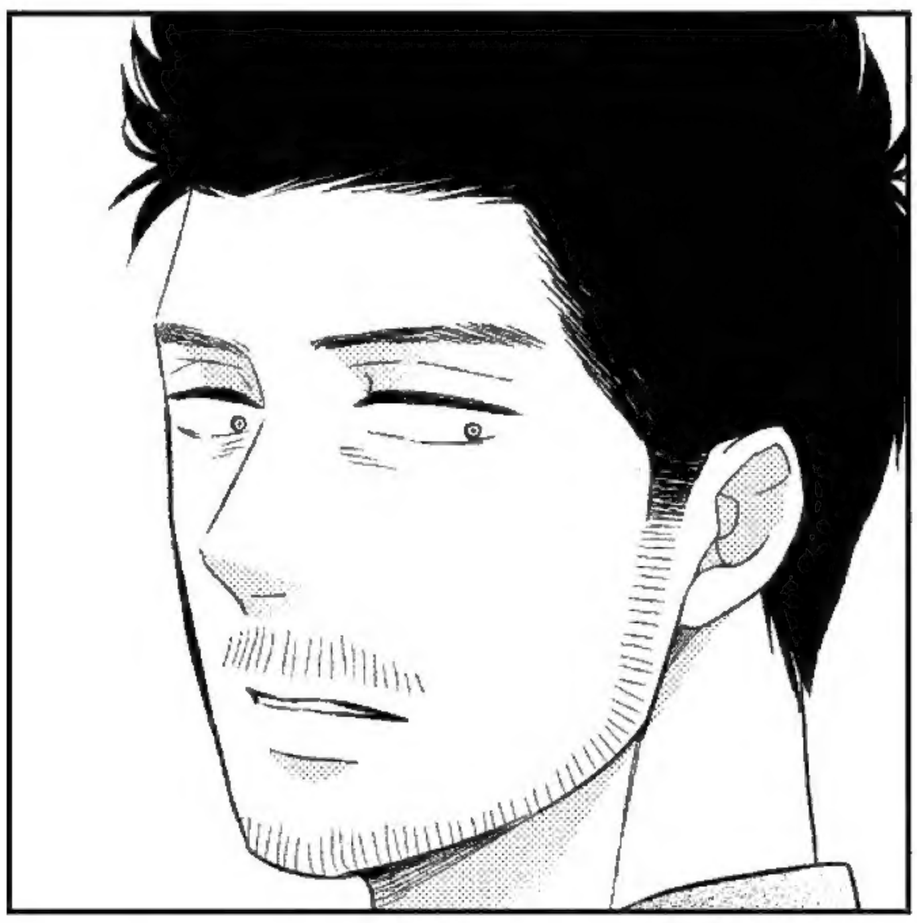
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# Characters



## Isshin Kazashi

He used to be a live-in tea maker at Hananoki-en, but currently works for Shinomiya-en in Shizuoka. He's quiet, unfriendly, and a bit acerbic, but he adores Chako.



## Chako Hananoki

As her ex-fiancé started stalking her, she returned to her parents' tea farm and met Isshin. At first, she had a rivalry with Isshin, but she is catching feelings for him.



## Futaba Hananoki

Daughter of Chako's brother, Yabuki. She's lost her mother. She isn't shy around new people, and loves to see Chako and Isshin getting along.



## Hikari Shinomiya

Daughter of the owner of Shinomiya-en, which is a major beverage company. She's also Isshin's ex-girlfriend and hasn't given up on him.



## Jin Negishi

Son of the owner of Negishi-en, the tea farm situated next to Hananoki-en. He's Chako's childhood friend and too friendly with women.

## Synopsis

Chako, who returned to her parents' tea farm for the first time in years, met Isshin and became a fake married couple with him. At first, they argued all the time, but they were getting attracted to each other and confirmed their feelings. Soon after, however, Isshin leaves for Shizuoka to work for Shinomiya-en, and they start their long-distance relationship. That's when a huge typhoon hits the Kanto area, and poles in the tea field of Hananoki-en collapse… What will happen to Chako, who tries to support the poles by herself?!

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# 21st Cup What I Want to Protect



CHAKOOO!

THERE'S THIS MUCH ALREADY...

I MEAN IT'S BEEN RAINING A LOT LATELY...

SPLASH

SPLASH

SPLASH

CHAKO, WHERE ARE YOU?!

YOU'RE NOT THERE?!

MAYBE SOME-WHERE ELSE...?

...

...

...WHEN AM I GONNA...

...STOP WORRYING ABOUT HER...?

ザ〜
VSSSHH
アアア…

!

FUTABA. DON'T LOOK AWAY, OR YOU'LL SPILL IT.

カラカラ…
RATTLE
RATTLE

OH MY GOOOSH !!

WHAT'S WRONG ?!

CHAKO'S BACK!

CHAKO, CHAKOOO!

ISSHIIIN!

HI, FUTABA.

HE PROMISED ME AND CHAKO!

HE TOLD US HE'D COME BACK FOR SURE!

HOW DID YOU COME BACK WHEN THE SHINKANSEN WASN'T RUNNING?

I BORROWED A COMPANY CAR.

OTHERWISE, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT CHAKO WOULD DO!

YOU'LL NEVER BREAK PROMISES, RIGHT?!

I DON'T REALLY WANNA HEAR THAT CONVERSATION.

GRIN
GRIN

THANKS.

I'LL GO CHECK ON HER.

SHE WENT TO CHECK THE FARM. I THINK SHE'LL BE BACK SOON, THOUGH.

...WHERE'S CHAKO?

...

HHSSSH

...OUT OF THE SERVICE AREA...

THE NUMBER YOU HAVE CALLED IS...

BONK

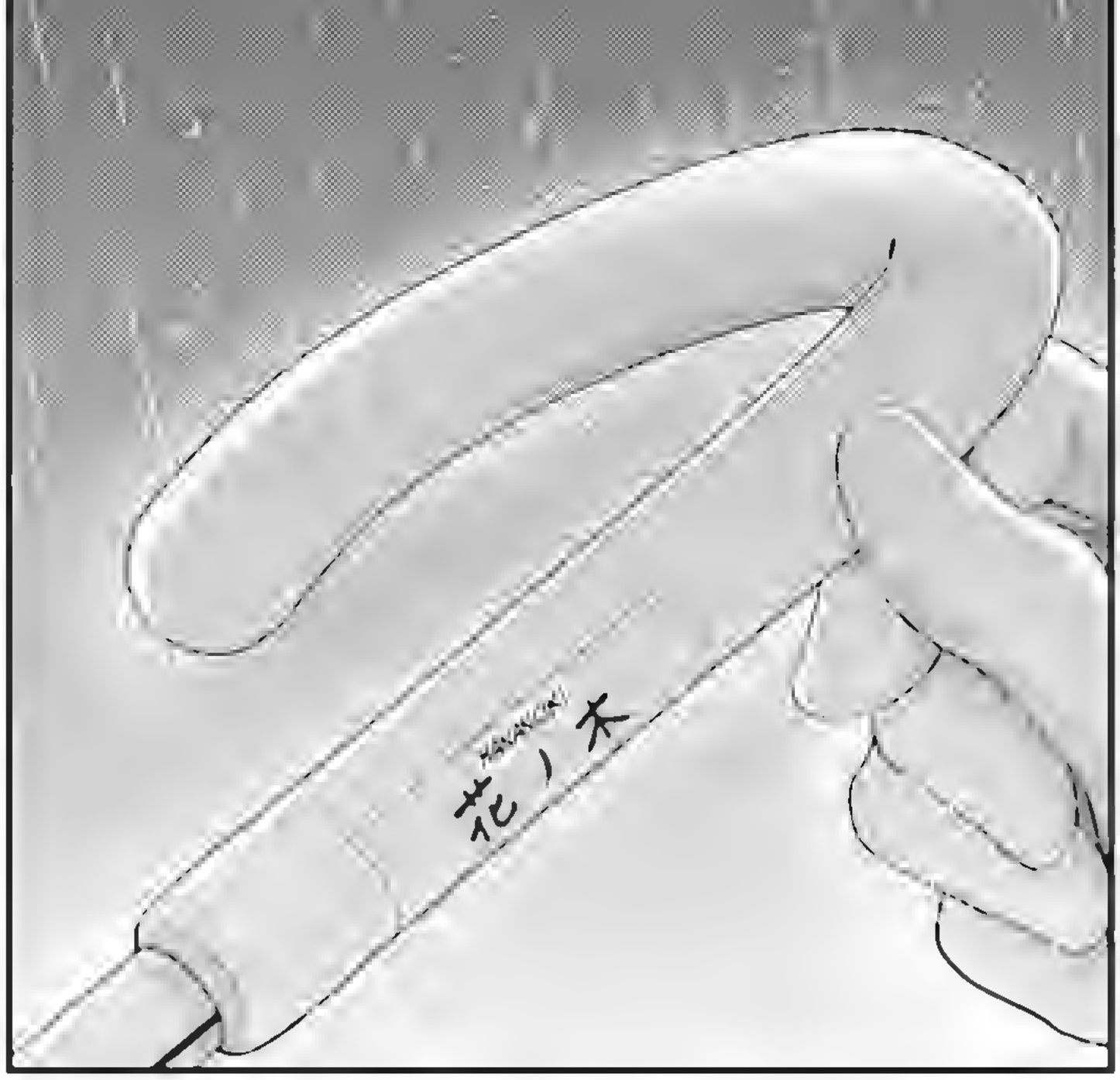
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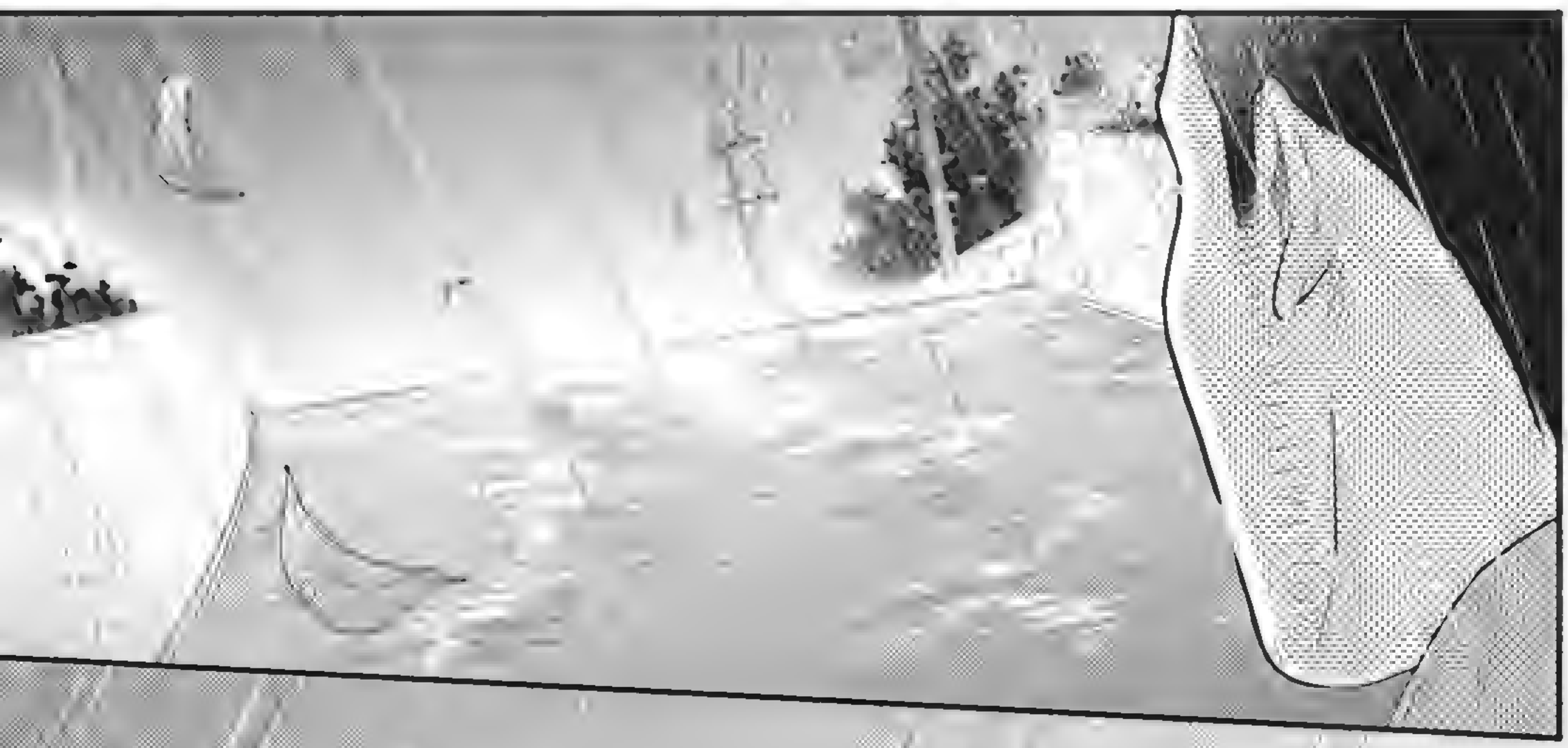
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WHERE DID IT COME FR-

HOW DANGER-OUS.




HANABI
花火




HSSS

THUD

THUD

THEY'LL FALL DOWN IF I DON'T DO ANYTHING...!

I GOTTA THINK OF SOMETHING ...!!

ZLIP

OH MY GOSH. OH MY GOSH.

OTHER POLES ARE ALSO FALLING DOWN, TOO...

I COULD USE IT TO SUPPORT THEM...!

OH, THE POLE THAT CAME OFF...!

WHOOSH

BONK

IT'LL BE OVER IF I LET IT GO EVEN FOR A SECOND...!

OH, NO...!

FREEZE

THIS IS FOR TEMOMI-CHA, ISN'T IT?

THIS IS A SPECIAL FIELD WHERE WE DON'T PRUNE THE TEA TREES.

...IT'S NOT ONLY THAT.

ISSHIN-SAN.

ISSHIN-SAN.

OH, NO.

HELP MEEE!!

ISSHIN-SAN.


ザー
FWUMP

DAD, HANANOKI-EN'S TRELLIS IS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE.

PLEASE COME AND HELP US NOW.

...JIN.

THEY'LL GET DAM-AGED!

CHAKO, STOP!

IT'S DANGER-OUS!

BAM

THUD

FLOMP

THE TREES ...!!

GET OFF OF ME.

THE ONES IN THAT AREA ARE DIFFERENT. IT'S OKAY!

THEY'RE PRECIOUS TEA TREES FOR TEMOMI-CHA!

WAIT UNTIL EVERYONE COMES HERE!

THERE ARE NO TREES THAT SHOULD GET DAM-AGED!!

WHOOSH

!!

CHAKO!

CHAKOOO!!

?



...ISSHIN
...

...SAN
...





SHUT

ARE YOU OKAY?!

TOMO, PULL THEM WITH WIRES FROM THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

SOMEONE, GO OVER THERE!

CHAKO-CHAN, YOUR HAND IS INJURED!

KEEP HOLDING LIKE THAT!

OH...
BUT...

NO! YOU HAVE TO CLEAN IT WELL WHEN YOU GET CUT BY RUST!

IT'S FINE! I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE OF RUST OR SOMETHING...

JIN...!

...FOR COMING ...!

THANK YOU...

SHUT—!...

ISSHIN-SAN, YOU TOO...

...TELL THAT TO CHAKO.

...WHILE YOU WEREN'T HERE...CHAKO WAS WORKING SO HARD.

...I'M SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.

...I KNOW.

GRAB

THUD

BAM

IF YOU REALLY CHERISH CHAKO...

...NEVER MAKE HER FEEL INSECURE.

CREAK

ON THE DAY... WHEN YOU FINALLY GOT TO COME BACK...

I'M SORRY...

...SOME DAY...

...THAT WAS...

...IT'S MY FAULT. IT'S ODD THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING EVEN THOUGH I WAS AT THE FIELD EVERY DAY, ISN'T IT...?

...IT'S BECAUSE OF MY BAD MANAGEMENT SKILLS...

...THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE NOTICED WHEN I DIDN'T.

...IT'S MY FAULT.

GRR

NO, IT'S MY FAULT NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT.

BUT I WAS IN CHARGE...! IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY!

I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU MEAN THINGS! I'M ALWAYS HONEST!

WHY?! TELL ME SOMETHING MEAN LIKE YOU DID WHEN WE FIRST MET!

フンッ
HMPH

...ANYWAY...

...I'M GLAD YOU'RE OKAY.

...

UGH

SPEAK UP WHEN YOU SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!!

...I'M SORRY.

...YOU'RE NOT OKAY, ARE YOU?

カチャ
KER-CHAK
ヤッ
ISSHIN!
CHAKOOO!

H...

HI... FUTABA-CHAN...

KER-CHAK

WE'RE NOT!!

DAD! ISSHIN AND CHAKO ARE MAKING OUT, SO DON'T COME HERE!

FUTABA, WHAT'S WRONG?

RIGHT...

...ALL OF THESE WERE DAMAGED...

THEY'RE PRETTY HARD ALREADY.

I'LL EAT THEM TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY...

SOB くぅ

SOB くぅ

CAN WE USE AT LEAST THE TOP PART FOR SOMETHING...?

WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT BROKEN BRANCHES ....

カ CLICK チャ

WELL, MAYBE YOU COULD EAT THEM IF YOU FRY THEM IN BATTER...

カ CLICK チャ

チ STT...

IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN REACH WITH A STEP STOOL, TOO.

YOU'RE CHANGING THE HEIGHT AS WELL?

OH?

ICARIN

WOW.
♡

...

...

...MAKING IT LIKE THIS SO THAT I CAN USE...?

...ARE YOU...

...IS THINKING OF CONTINUING TO WORK HERE WITH ME...?

FWIP

FWIP

PERHAPS, ISSHIN-SAN...

WHOA!

RATTLE

SQUEEZE

Love birds.

...
OUCH.
...URGH.
I'M SORRY...!
AAHHH!
THUD
IT HURTS...
ARE YOU OKAY...?

WHAT?!

THUMP

?!

STARE

WHAT ?!

HEY.

WHAT?

KA-THUMP

OH?!

His Stomach

...THIS IS IT.

...

WHAAAAAT?!

GRAB

THIS IS THE ONE...

?

WILTED な…

...IT MIGHT WORK...!

WITH THIS...

# 22nd Cup Recharging

EXHAUSTED.

廃

I DIDN'T THINK WE HAD TO PICK TEA SO SUDDENLY...

I'M SO TIRED...

HEY...

IT'S STILL FALL... IS IT OKAY TO PICK THAT MUCH...?

OKAY. HE'S NOT LISTENING TO MEEE.

HE'S ONLY THINKING ABOUT TEAAA.

I KNEW IT, THOUGH.

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

CHAKO!

...I'LL GO MAKE LUNCH.

I'm not that important to him.

I KNOW I CAN'T BEAT TEA.

SWOOP

WOOSH

HERE!

WHAT...?

WHAT IS IT ALL OF THE SUDDEN?!

...SMELLS NICE.

SNIFF

SNIFF

...

RIGHT?!

...THEY DEVELOP AN AROMA WHEN THEY WILT.

IF YOU GIVE PICKED TEA LEAVES A LITTLE STRESS IN THE SUNLIGHT...

"RIGHT" ...?

Is he a little kid?

IT'S ONLY RECENTLY THAT THEY STARTED TO ATTRACT PEOPLE'S ATTENTION.

WITHERING...? I'VE NEVER HEARD...

IT'S CALLED WITHERING FLAVOR.

YOU STEAM TEA LEAVES AFTER PICKING THEM TO MAKE THE COMMON GREEN TEA...

STEAMING

...BUT YOU WILT LEAVES BEFORE STEAMING TO MAKE TEA WITH A WITHERING FLAVOR.

THE AROMA DIFFERS DEPENDING ON THE KIND OF LEAVES...

AND LEAVES IN FALL TEND TO BE MORE AROMATIC.

...IT'S DEEP AND INTERESTING.

...I'VE NEVER SEEN ISSHIN-SAN SO EXCITED LIKE THIS.

...I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHY ISSHIN-SAN IS SO EXCITED...

BUT...

THE AROMA WHICH MAKES ME A LITTLE NOSTALGIC...

HOW CAN I EXPLAIN THIS? IT SMELLS LIKE FLOWERS...

I'LL MAKE TEMOMI-CHA WITH THESE LEAVES.

...IS THAT SO...?

THEY'LL BE MORE AROMATIC IN A FEW HOURS.

YUP.

WHAT?! TO... TODAY?!

BUT... IT TAKES MORE THAN SIX HOURS TO MAKE IT, RIGHT...?!

IT TAKES MORE.

*ALTHOUGH HE CAME BACK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME...*

*HE MEANS HE'S GONNA STAY IN THAT ROOM FOR TEMOMI-CHA THIS WEEKEND...?!*

*...I CAN'T BE WITH HIM EVEN WHEN I WORK AT THE FARM...?!*

STARE じー

I DON'T KNOW IF IT WORKS, SO I'LL MAKE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE UNTIL I GO BACK TO SHIZUOKA.

...WITH HIM AND FUTABA-CHAN...!

TO BE HONEST, I WAS HOPING TO GO OUT TOMORROW...

...OKAY.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE FARM, SO FOCUS ON THIS, ISSHIN-SAN.

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GIDDY GIDDY GIDDY

...

FLINCH

BUT YOU HAVE TO MAKE *ONE PROMISE!*

...!
ARE YOU SURE?

Can you handle it by yourself?

He looks so happy.

...I'LL DO WHAT I CAN DO.

He's broken promises.

WE'LL HAVE FRUIT PUNCH WHEN FUTABA-CHAN COMES HOME FROM SWIMMING SCHOOL!

WE'LL EAT MEALS TOGETHER AS A FAMILY!

I made it.

GRAB

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?!

UGHHH! WHAT IS IT...?

HE CAN'T HIDE HIS EXCITEMENT!

I...

...PROM-ISE...

...BUT...

I WANTED TO FIND EXCUSES TO SPEND TIME WITH HIM...

...I'LL SUPPORT HIM.

Is it good?

Is it good?

...WHEN MY LOVED ONE IS TRYING HARD...

...I'VE DECIDED...

I'm home!

TIGHTEN

HMMM...

HMM...

YOU HAVE A...STIFF BACK...

...MY GOSH...

OH...

THIS IS AN EMER-GENCY...

ぴょーん JUMP

WHAT?! WAIT...!

FUTABA, TODAY...

I WILL KNEAD HIS BACK! NOW!

HEY, HEY. FUTABA!

...!

THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD

YAAHH !!

HE'S NOT FINE YET! HIS EYES ROLLED BACK!

FLAIL

じたばた

FLAIL

じたばた

DON'T JUMP ON HIS BACK!

WHY?!

CHAKO-SENSEI!

IT'S OKAY. ISSHIN'S FINE NOW!

I'M GIVING HIM TREATMENT!

OUR PATIENT HAS SEVERE SYMPTOMS!

OKAY, OKAY. LET'S SEE.

WHAT'S UP? YOU'RE PLAYING DOCTOR?

WHAAAT?! REALLY?! THAT WAS QUICK!

ZZZ.

OH! FUTABA-SENSEI, WITH YOUR TREATMENT THE PATIENT IS SOUND ASLEEP!

PLOD とぼ
PLOD とぼ…

OTHERWISE, YOU CAN'T WAKE UP TO SEE OFF ISSHIN TOMORROW.

HEY, CHAKO-SENSEI CAN BE IN CHARGE OF THE NIGHT SHIFT, SO YOU SHOULD GO TO BED, FUTABA-SENSEI.

NOOO.

WHAT?! ARE YOU DOING MORE?!

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME MAKING TEMOMI-CHA WITH A WITHERING FLAVOR...SO I WANNA MAKE IT AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE.

DO YOU WANT TO PUT A COMPRESS?

...YOU'VE BEEN MAKING TEMOMI-CHA FOR TWO DAYS. NO WONDER YOUR BODY HURTS.

BLINK ぱちぱち

BECAUSE I'M GONNA MAKE TEA ONE MORE TIME. THE SMELL TRANSFERS TO THE LEAVES.

...NO.

...

SST
...

CHAKO...

WHAM

...!!

Serious.

IF YOU SAY SO, YOU HAVE TO GET RID OF FATIGUE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

YOU'LL GO BACK IN FIVE MINUTES, RIGHT?

?!

OOOUCH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...?!

SHUT UP! BE SERIOUS!

Isshin set the timer.

20:10 85%

4:52

W...WAIT...! STOP...! YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT...!

IT'S ALL ABOUT STRETCHING YOUR HIP AND BACK!

PUSH PUSH PUSH

HEY, DON'T STOP BREATHING!

FWIP

...ABOUT THAT!

NOT...

...IS STILL INJURED, ISN'T IT...?

...YOUR HAND...

...

Slightly.

...I THOUGHT...

...YOU WERE ONLY THINKING ABOUT TEA...

...

...NOT REALLY...

OH.

I CAN SMELL ISSIN-SAN'S SCENT...

...HIDDEN BEHIND THE WITHERING FLAVOR.

IT'S LIKE A WASHED CLOTH...

...IN THE SUNLIGHT.

IT'S WARM AND A LITTLE SWEET.



BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
time up
0:00
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
...
...
...I'M HEADING BACK.
...OKAY.
TAP
...

DIDN'T I DECIDE TO SUPPORT HIM...?

...AHH... I SHOULD'VE LET HIM TAKE A GOOD REST...

WHAT AM I DOING...?

...AWW, THIS FEELS SAD...

SHOULD I HELP HIM TO STRETCH WELL...?

UMM... SHOULD I MAKE HIM A LATE-NIGHT MEAL TO HELP HIM RECOVER EFFICIENTLY...?







...RECHARGING.

USUALLY...

...HE NEVER EVEN TELLS ME ANY SWEET WORDS...

FWIP

...WHY...?

...IT WAS SO SUDDEN...

IT ALMOST GAVE ME A HEART ATTACK.

UUGGGHHH!

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YOU'RE HAVING THE TOAST SET AGAIN!

I HAVE A TASTE TEST FOR KAZASHI-SAN'S PROTOTYPE THIS AFTERNOON.

THE NEXT PROTOTYPE'S READY ALREADY?

BUT THE PORTION IS BIG TODAY...?

...I THINK I WANNA ATTEND IT, TOO.

KAZASHI-SAN'S BEEN WORKING SO HARD LATELY, LIKE HE MOVED ON.

...

I WONDER IF HE FOUND SOMETHING OUT WHEN HE WENT BACK TO HANANOKI-EN THE OTHER DAY...

JUST WAITING FOR THE RESULT...

...MY THING.

THAT'S NOT REALLY...

# 23rd Cup A Cup of Fate

HAAH
はぁ

WHAT?
LIEUTENANT
MARINA.

LIEUTENANT
FUTABA.

SHE'S BEEN SPACING OUT...

HAAAAH はぁ

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

DON'T YOU THINK AUNT CHAKO IS A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS...?

...AND SIGHING.

IT REALLY STINKS...

IT STINKS...

...THE SMELL OF AN AFFAIR ...!

THIS IS...

NOOO!! I DON'T WANNA HEAR THAT!!

BUT CHAKO AND ISSHIN WERE MAKING OUT THE OTHER DAY.

HMM...

Recharging...

It's just love-sick-ness

I'M TELLING YOU!

DON'T LET IT FOOL YOU! LIEUTENANT FUTABA.

...TO FILL THEIR LONELINESS...

HUMANS SEEK ATTENTION FROM SOMEONE ELSE...

"ZZZ

Do you miss him?

This is Isshin. I'll lend this to you!

TOLD YOU!!

YOU'RE RIGHT!

AGHHH!!

Pre-paring the fish.

OH? WHAT'S UP?

MAY I ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS?!

CHAKO HANANOKI! LOOK AT ME!

SMILE SMILE SMILE

カチ CLICK

Why is boss here?

カチ CLICK

AHEM

What?

Even boss wouldn't bring her personal feelings into work, don't you think...?

I don't know.

I guess she wants to make sure that Kazashi-san's not gonna get roasted.

THANK YOU FOR WAITING.

KER-CHAK

IT ENDED UP LIKE THIS 'CAUSE SHE REALLY BROUGHT HER PERSONAL FEELINGS !!

POP
かぱっ

SO AWKWARD...

W...WELL THEN...

SIP
ちびっ

I FEEL THE AROMA SPREADING THROUGH MY MOUTH WHEN I SIP...

WHAT IS THIS...?

...

...ISN'T IT?

THIS IS A *WITHERING* FLAVOR...

IT'S A FLAVOR DEVELOPED DURING THE FERMENTATION PROCESS...

*POOR FRESH LEAF CONTROL.*

WITHER ...?

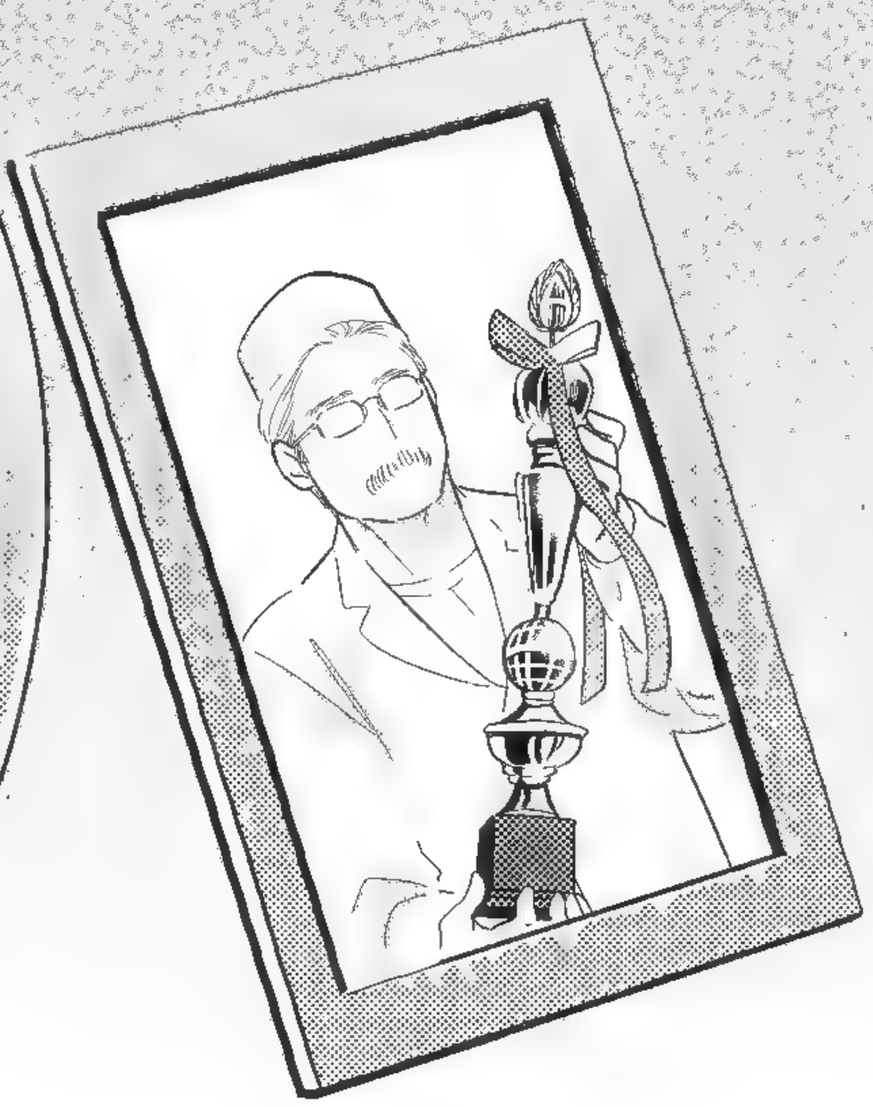
YES.

I'VE HEARD THAT POINTS CAN BE DEDUCTED FOR THE ODOR...

SOME SAY SO...

...AT TEMOMI-CHA COMPETITIONS...

THIS MEANS... YOU MADE TEA WHICH GOES AGAINST THE ESSENCE OF TEMOMI-CHA?



KAZASHI-SAN.

SOME PEOPLE MIGHT THINK SO...

...BUT...

...DOESN'T INCLUDE THE TEA LEAVES WE GROW FOR TEMOMI-CHA.

ALSO, THIS TEA...

...THIS IS NOT A COMPETITION.

THIS IS MADE FROM...

...SPECIAL TEA LEAVES THAT MY LOVED ONE PROTECTED.

HMM. WELL, I THINK SO...

I DON'T REALLY GET IT...BUT IS HE BRAGGING ABOUT HIS WIFE? WITH THE UNIQUE TEMOMI-CHA?

...I TRIED TO MAKE GOOD TEA...

...THAT WOULD MAKE HER SMILE.

WITH THE TEA LEAVES SHE PROTECTED...

...OH, HEY, HEY.

KAZASHI-SAN.

...THAT WE WANT TO MAKE TEA THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE CAN ENJOY.

DID YOU FORGET?

TNK TNK

I TOLD YOU...

BUT IF THE TEA CAN'T PLEASE THE PERSON YOU WANT TO PLEASE THE MOST...

...YOU CAN'T MAKE OTHERS HAPPY WITH IT.

...NO, I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN.

I WANT TO MAKE PREMIUM TEA...

...THAT YOU DRINK WITH YOUR LOVED ONES ON A SPECIAL DAY.

Hahaha.

I SEE. THAT'S WHY...

HEHE...

HEH.

...THE TASTE IS SO IRRITATING.

SHINOMIYA EN

OH...BOSS? HOW DO YOU LIKE THE TASTE...?

OH NO. NOT AGAIN.

GLOOM

ドヴ—ん

?!

GASP

BOSS?

I WAS JUST OVER-WHELMED BY THE STORY...

I WILL.

...YOU'RE NOT DRINKING?

DON'T MIND ME AND CONTINUE.

IT'D BE RUDE IF I DIDN'T EVALUATE IT CAREFULLY.

I WILL TAKE MY TIME AND DRINK IT IN MY ROOM.

RATTLE

SHUT

TO BE HONEST, I THINK THIS IS PRETTY GOOD...

EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE IN THE OFFICE LIKE IT, IT'S OVER IF SAKUMA-SAN AND BOSS SAY NO.

WHISPER

SH...SHE DIDN'T LIKE IT, DID SHE...?

I GUESS SO... BOSS LIKED KAZASHI-SAN'S TEMOMI-CHA WITH UMAMI...

WHISPER

I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS BAD OR ANYTHING.

YES!

KAZASHI-SAN.

DO YOU HAVE TIME TONIGHT?

... I TRIED TO MAKE GOOD TEA THAT WOULD MAKE HER SMILE.

WITH THE TEA LEAVES SHE PROTECTED...

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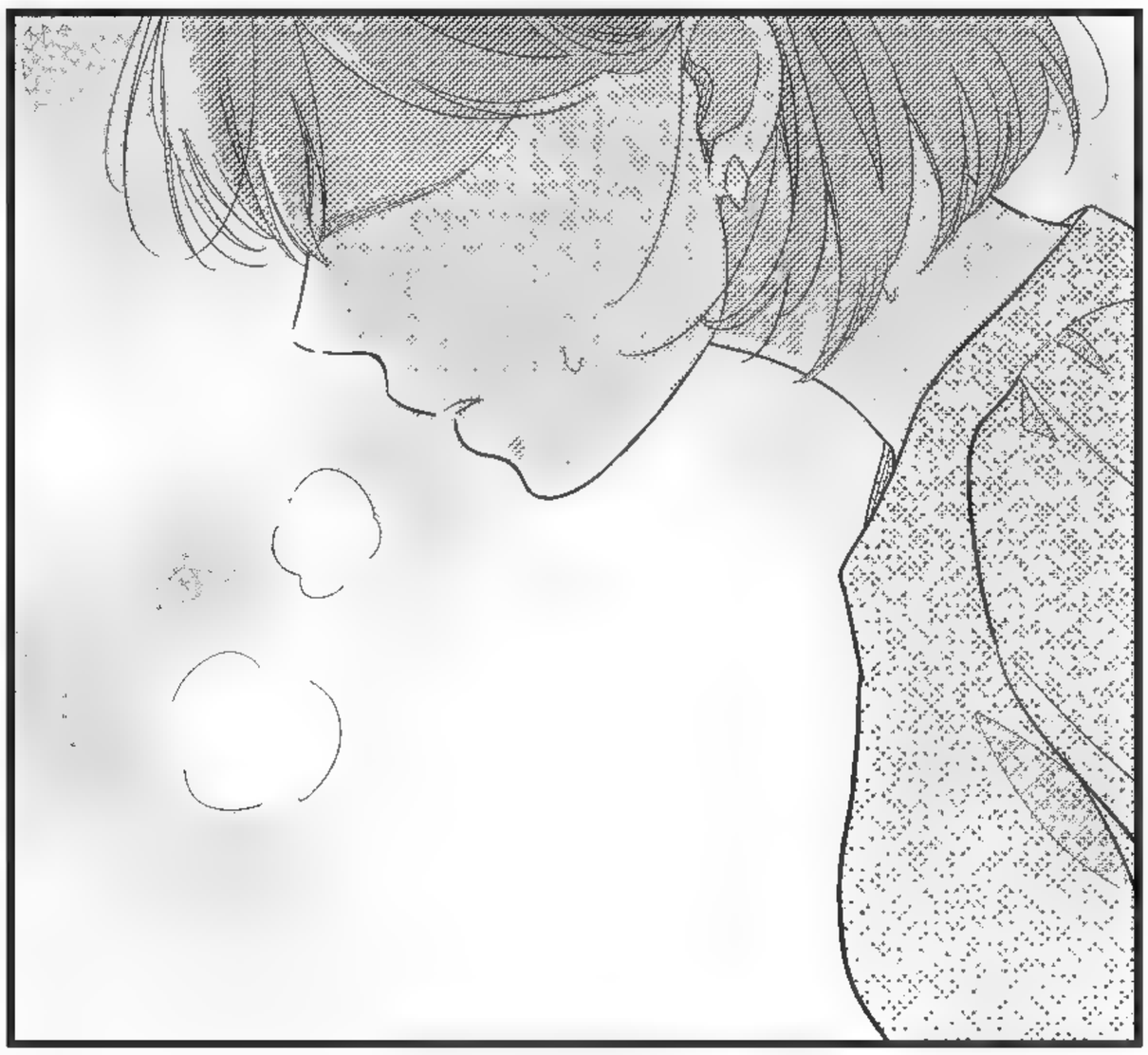
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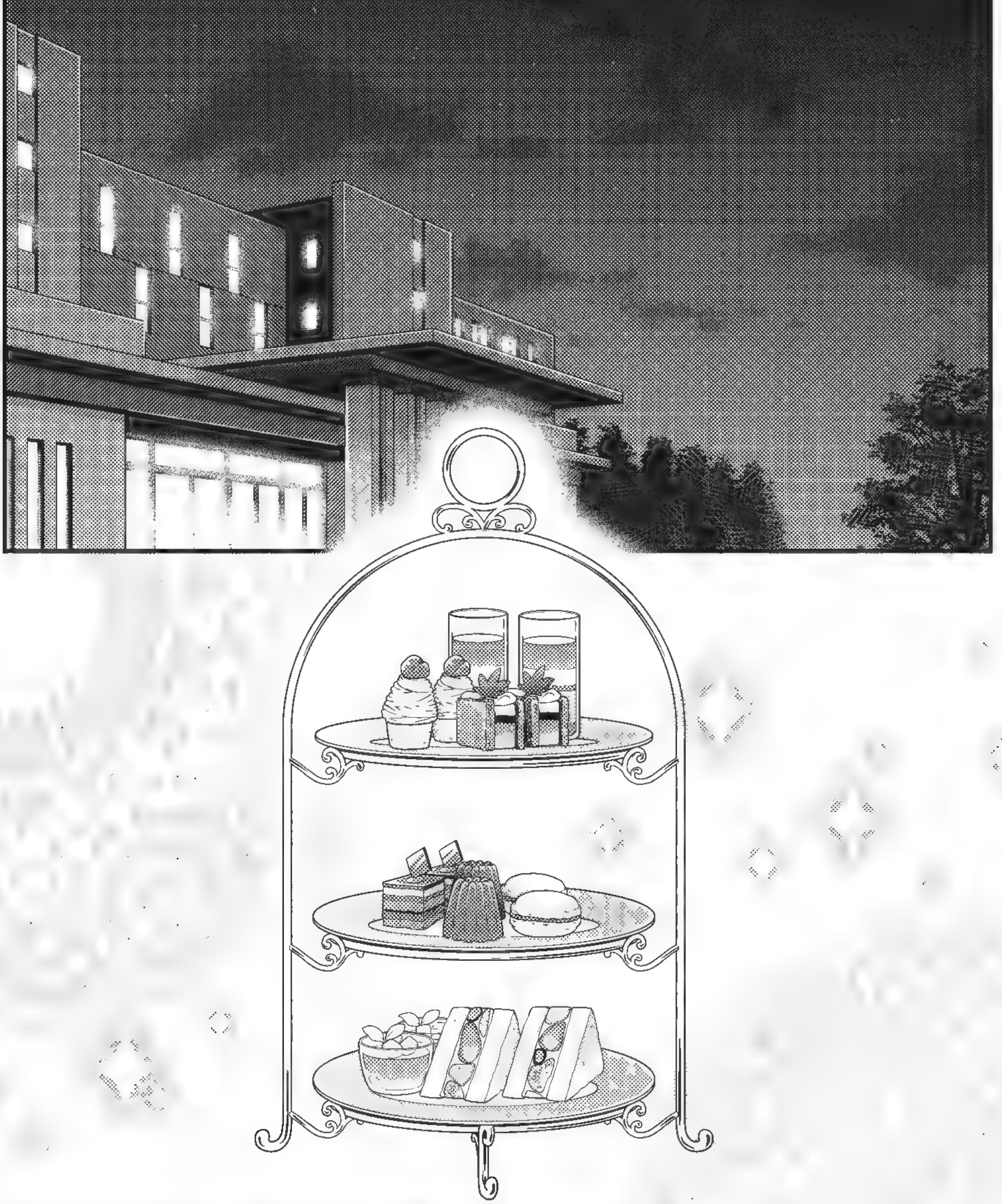


...HE WASN'T THE KIND OF PERSON...

...WHO COULD SAY THINGS LIKE THAT...

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FWIP







NO, I'M GOOD.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GET YOU SOMETHING?

THEY SERVE THE FIRST TEA I EVER MADE.

WHY ARE WE HERE...?

THIS IS THE PREMIUM GREEN TEA.

HERE'S YOUR TEA.

I WANTED TO KILL MY BOSS BACK THEN...

THOSE DAYS WERE LIKE HELL...

...

YOU MADE THIS...?

WHAT IS THIS...?

WOOSH

ぶわっ

...SO GOOD.

...I MADE IT THINKING OF MY LOVED ONE.

...I WAS JUST LIKE YOU IN THE BEGINNING.

*IT HAS HERBS... BUT THEY DON'T MASK THE TASTE OF GREEN TEA...*

*IT'S A PERFECT BALANCE...*

...SO I COULDN'T CONVEY MY FEELINGS OR GIVE THE TEA TO HER.

...SHE'S ALWAYS TOUGH...

AND DOESN'T HAVE ANY SOFT SPOTS...

YOUR WIFE'S FACE POPPED INTO MY HEAD THE MOMENT I HAD YOUR TEA...

...I'M A LITTLE JEALOUS THAT YOU HAVE A PERSON WHO ACCEPTS YOUR FEELINGS.

AND THAT WAS IRRITATING, THOUGH.

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Haha.

I WILL HELP YOU.

BUT...

WHETHER I LIKE IT OR NOT, I FELT THE HOPE YOU PUT INTO THAT TEA.

WE'LL WORK ON IT EVEN ON WEEKENDS. PLEASE BE PREPARED.

WE HAVE TO ADJUST BY GRAMS, DEGREES, AND SECONDS. NOW, PATIENCE IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS.

LET'S TRY TO MAKE THE AROMA A LITTLE BIT STRONGER.

YOUR TEA WILL BE FANTASTIC.

Isshin-san

So I can't come back for a while.

I'm sorry.

I'll call you later.

CERTAINLY!

※Face masks for children.

CHAKO, DO YOU MISS HIM?! I'LL DRY THE BATH BEAR RIGHT AWAY.

*I WONDER IF I LOOK THAT LONELY...*

WHAT DID ISSHIN SAY?

WHAAAT ?!

IT SEEMS LIKE WE'LL LOSE TOUCH WITH HIM AGAIN.

...APPARENTLY, HE CAN'T COME BACK SOON.

*I USED TO BE LIKE THAT...*

*THAT'S RIGHT...*

ペリ… PEEL

*BUT...*

THANK YOU.

I'M OKAY.

Chako
Sent you a photo

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IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

ISN'T YOUR WIFE ANGRY?

WE'RE ROOTING FOR YOU!

SHE'S FINE.

RIGHT.

...NOW WE JUST HAVE TO CONVINCE BOSS.

# 24th Cup Under the Same Sky

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ARE THEY HERE TODAY, TOO...?

YEAH, THEY ARE.

I CAN TOTALLY RELATE...

YOU KNOW... I'VE BEEN COMING TO THE OFFICE EARLY TO SEE THIS RECENTLY...

IT'S THERAPEUTIC...

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GASP

IT'S LIKE WATCHING PUPPIES THAT DIDN'T GET ALONG OPENING THEIR HEARTS TO EACH OTHER...

LOOK, THEY WERE SLEEPING APART FROM EACH OTHER BEFORE.

コッコッコッ
CLACK CLACK CLACK

ARE YOU SNEAKILY TAKING PHOTOS?

I'M JUST OBSERV-ING.

KER-CHAK

?!

SWOOP

Hmm...

SAKUMA-KUN, HIDE YOUR YAWN.

...I'M SORRY.

3, よ
YAWN

I TOLD YOU THAT IT'S STRICTLY PROHIBITED TO WORK OVERTIME OR SLEEP HERE...

HAAH
はぁー

HERE YOU GO.

IT GOT APPROVED.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

YOU GUYS ARE DOING REALLY WELL. GOOD JOB.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

SHINOMIYA

KIMURA

SONE

...WELL, I KNEW IT. I MEAN IT TOOK LONGER THAN EXPECTED.

I WANTED TO THROW IT AWAY IF I COULD.

HOW RUDE. I TRIED IT.

IT TOOK SO LONG THAT I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T DRINK IT.

I KNOW...

...IT'S OVER IF I DRINK THIS.

BUT...

I ALSO...

...I WANT TO DRINK IT.

...THIS IS THE TEA ISSHIN MADE WITH PASSION...

AS A PERSON IN THE TEA INDUSTRY...

WOOSH

IT'S GOOD,
ISN'T IT?



...KNEW IT.

THAT'S WHY...

HE NEVER LOOKS ASIDE.

HE'S AWKWARD BUT HONEST.

...I LIKED HIM.

HEY,
HIKARI-SAN.

YOU ALSO THINK SO, RIGHT?

ISSHIN-SAN'S TEA...

...IS GOOD, ISN'T IT?

...

SHE'S SO EASYGOING...

OH MY GOSH.

...IT IS.

IT WAS DELICIOUS.

I= SMILE =

NOW, WE HAVE TO PREPARE FOR THE PRODUCTION EXPERIMENT.

ALSO, WHEN THE SAMPLES ARE READY...

ZOOM

I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD'VE LEFT EARLIER!

...

...OH. THERE'S AN AIRSHOW TODAY.

It started already!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME WE COULD WATCH THEM IN A GREAT SPOT!

WE CAN SEE THEM FROM ANYWHERE.

ISSHIN-SAN...

WHEN WILL HE COME BACK...?

I ALSO WANTED TO SEE IT WITH ISSHIN-SAN...

I WONDER IF WE CAN WATCH IT TOGETHER NEXT YEAR...

I will stay at Shinomiya-en...

...BUT HE DOESN'T COME HOME AT ALL AS HE TOLD ME, AND HE CONTACTS ME ONLY WHEN HE REALLY NEEDS TO AS USUAL...

domoco

Isshin-san

So I can't come back for a while.

I'm sorry.

I'll call you later.

IT'S BEEN ABOUT TWO MONTHS SINCE THEN...

OH MY GOSH... THIS COMES BACK PERIODICALLY...

SNAP

UGHH... I'M GETTING WORRIED AGAIN...

SNAP

!!!

WELL... HE'S GONNA BE LIKE "SO WHAT?" WHEN HE SEES THIS, RIGHT...?

IT'S HARD TO REPLY...

HE MIGHT LEAVE ME ON READ...

I'M GONNA SEND THIS TO ISSHIN-SAN!

WHAT'S THIS?! SO CUTE! IT'S HEART-SHAPED!

So rare.♡

Isshin-san

Today

13:19

...

I'LL UNSEND IT...!!

FROM ISSHIN-SAN...?

A VIDEO ...?

Isshin-san

OH?

OR DID HIKARI-SAN SEND THIS AGAIN...?

HE MEANT TO SEND A PICTURE...?

IRUMA-SHI
入間市駅
Irumashi Station

入間市

平和都市宣言
入間市

SIGN: PEACE CITY DECLARATION IRUMA-SHI

CHATTER CHATTER

THIS PLACE IS...

WHAT...?

KER-CHAK

CHAKO?

I WAS THINKING OF WATCHING IMPULSE* WITH EVERYONE AT THE FIELD OVER THERE...

*BLUE IMPULSE IS THE AEROBATIC DEMONSTRATION TEAM OF THE JAPAN AIR SELF-DEFENSE FORCE.

♪

♪

I WANNA GO NOW...!

WHAAAT?! WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

CHAKO, LET'S WATCH TOGETHER!

...OH.

FUTABA.

AUNT CHAKO WANTS TO GO BUY SNACKS FOR EVERYONE.

From Maririn's house, the planes were...

I WANT GUMMIES!

WHAT?! SNACKS?!

WHAT?

...JI-JIN...?!

ALL RIGHT THEN, WE'LL GO FIND A GOOD SPOT!

Yaaay! おー！

...FOR ME.

DONUTS...

TOOT

!!

24h

当日24時まで

WHOOSH

...EVEN THOUGH JIN LET ME GO.

OH, NO...! TRAFFIC ISN'T MOVING AT ALL...!

HAH

I KNOW...

HAH

...TODAY ...

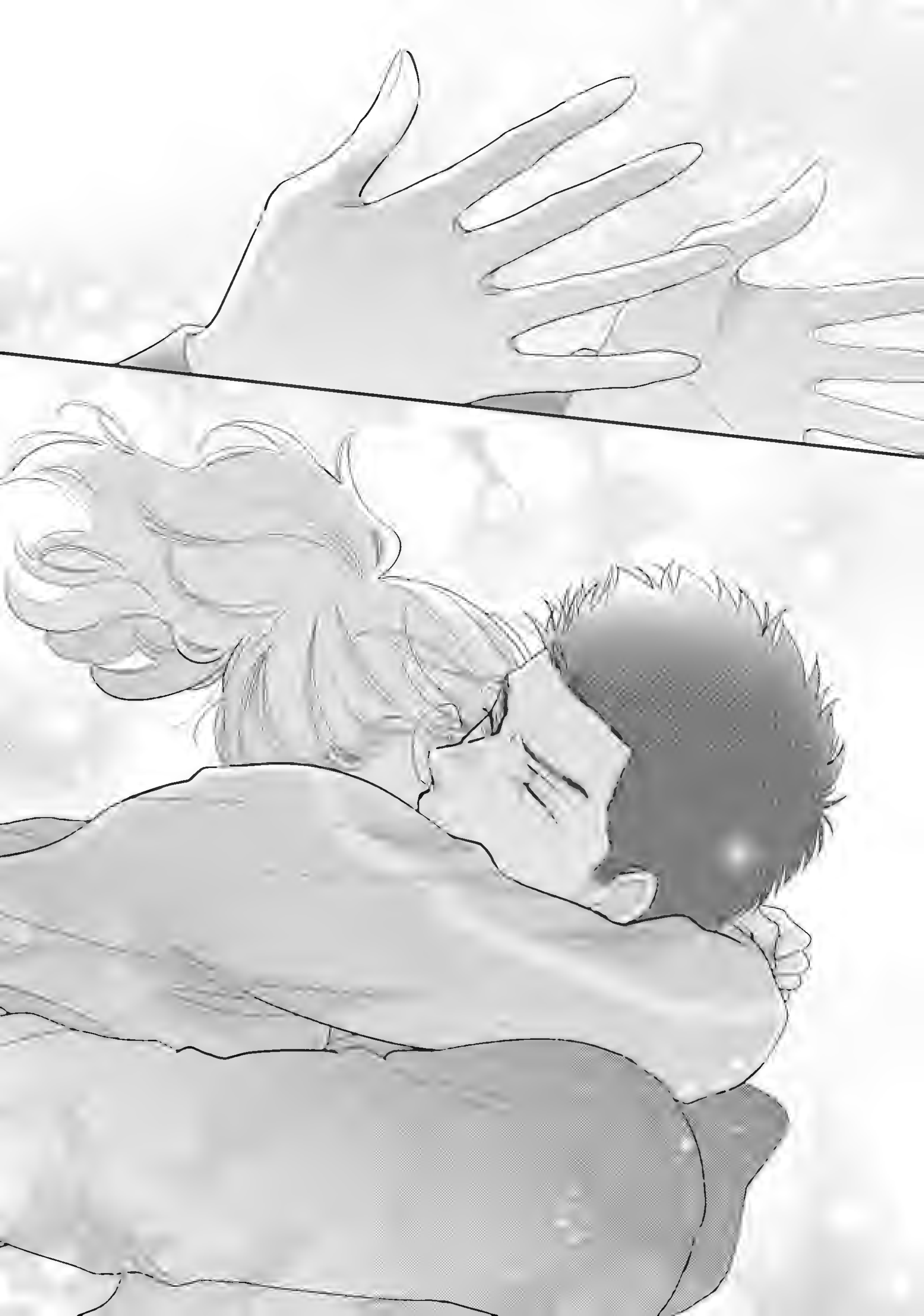
...WITHOUT WORDS...

JUST FOR TODAY...

CHAKO!

I DID IT!

SHINOMIYA



YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME IF YOU WERE COMING BACK...

"I DID IT"...? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

YOU'RE LIKE A KID...

FLASH パシャ

GIGGLE

CLICK カシャッ

GASP

WHAT...?! YOU RUSHED HERE TO SHOW ME THE SAMPLE?!

I MEAN... I WAS BUSY... WITH WORK...

I MOVED OUT OF THE APART-MENT...

I'M... HAPPY, BUT YOU COULD'VE TOLD ME...

*I WANT TO KNOW IF YOU'RE STAYING...*

...THAT'S WHAT IT IS.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!

HUH?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU MOVED OUT...?!

...I'M NOT...

...GOING BACK TO SHIZUOKA.

WHAAAT ...?!

WHAT ...?

WHAT ...?

...I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU...

HUUUH ?!

HOW COME YOU DIDN'T TELL ME SUCH AN IMPORTANT THING...?

HIKARI PUT THAT IN THERE WHEN I GOT THIS FROM HER...

WHAT IS THIS SCARY NOTE...?

...I MEAN, IT EXPLAINS ITSELF, BUT...

UGHH... I'M HAPPY... BUT I CAN'T SHOW IT WELL...

IT'S NOT FAIR. IT WAS OUT OF THE BLUE AGAIN...

This is for you two.♡

Hikari

WHAT?!

BAG: SHINOMIYA-EN

SST...

SHE ALWAYS DOES SCARY THINGS...

Hikari

This is for you two.♡

TEMOMI-CHA WITH FLORAL AROMA.

花香る手揉み茶

茶恋

CHAKO

This Japanese style green tea features a floral aroma
which comes by way of hand rolled tea making techniques
The tea leaves are deliberately withered to draw out the leaves delightful aroma

Produced by HANANOKIEN

...MY... NAME...?

CHAKO

WHAT...? THIS IS...

OH... I HADN'T SEEN THAT EITHER...

...WHY?

CHAKO

...s Japanese ...en tea features ...
...h com... ...and-rolled tea ...
... are ... ...thered to draw ...
... ...ed by HANA ...

HIKARI-SAN...

...LET'S GO HOME.

...WILL CAUSE A STIR.

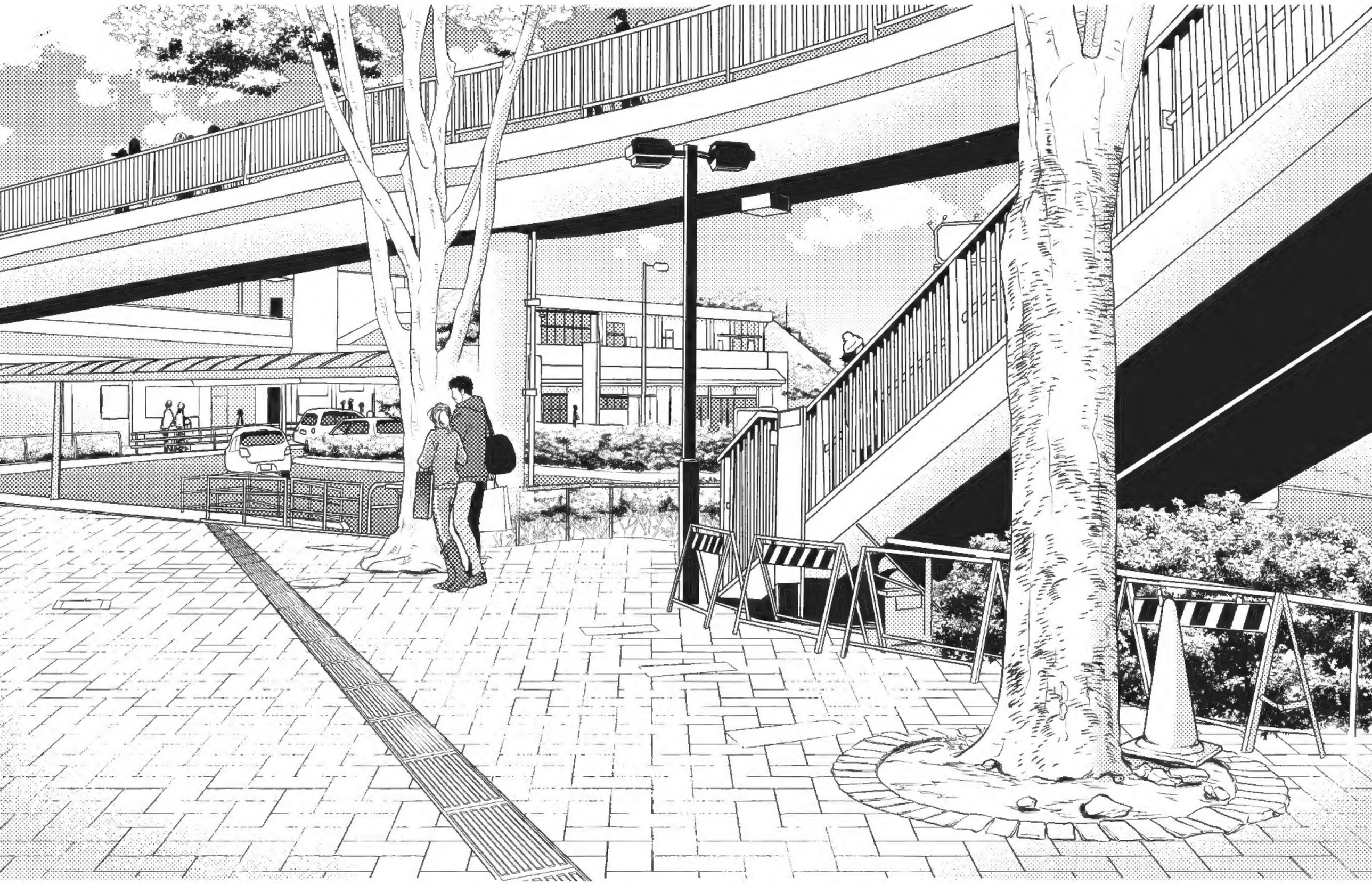


THIS TEA MADE BY A NAME-LESS TEA MAKER...

...NOBODY IS EXPECTING THAT YET...

BUT...

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